
CHAPTER 8



CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

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8.1 Institutional Framework

The proposed improvements for the Monument and Grounds must comply with federal and local environmental and historic preservation laws and procedures, including permits and approvals. As a result, this EA includes the information required to document the effects on the environment and historic properties that can be attributed to the proposed action, as required by NEPA, NHPA, SHPO, ACHP, NCPC, and the environmental policies and procedures of the NPS (including Director's Order-12).

8.2 Scoping

It is a policy requirement of NPS to engage in a public scoping process as part of the preparation of an EA. The purpose of the scoping process is to allow citizens and public agencies to identify issues that should be addressed in the EA, including but not limited to, alternatives, potential impacts, and suggested mitigation measures. For the purpose of this EA, the scoping process was undertaken through the public presentation and review process conducted by the NCPC. Additional public outreach was achieved through the ongoing Section 106 process (discussed in detail in Section 1.4.4).

8.3 Comments on the EA

Agencies and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the contents of this EA, which is available on the NPS website: www.nps.gov/wamo/. Written comments must be submitted during the official 30-day comment period. Comments should be sent via fax or email to:

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Public testimony on the EA can also be provided at the NCPC Public Meetings that are held on the first Thursday of the month. Announcements of the meeting time and location are available in advance.

8.4 Section 106 Consultation

The NPS is required to make a determination of the effect of an Undertaking on properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register. The ACHP, the NPS, NCPC, and DC SHPO have developed a Programmatic Agreement that describes how consultation will occur and ensures that the project, to the extent feasible, complies with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitating Historic Structures and Historic Landscapes. The signatories have invited other interested parties to concur in the Programmatic Agreement and participate in the consultation process (See Appendix).

As a component of the Programmatic Agreement, a Cultural Landscape Report on the Washington Monument Grounds and a Monument Lodge Historic Structures Report are currently underway and will be distributed prior to the submission of preliminary design plans. The NCPC, CFA, and DC HPRB have approved the design concept for the Monument permanent security improvements.

The Programmatic Agreement stipulates that the design of the Monument take into account the required NEPA analysis and studies and the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings and Cultural Landscapes to ensure the compatibility of the design with the cultural and historic landscape and features of the Monument Grounds. The signatories and concurring parties to the Agreement will be notified of all design plan submissions and changes to the Monument plan. All relevant reports will be distributed to the signatories and concurring parties and every effort will be made to ensure the most efficient flow of information and ease of amending this agreement based upon changing circumstances.